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COMMENTS

By the foregoing amendments, Applicants add new Claims 22-47 which are fully supported by the specification as originally filed. No new matter is added by these amendments. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests entry of these amendments before examination by the Examiner on the merits begins.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS SHOWING CHANGES MADE

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

**Paragraph beginning at line 6, page 1 has been amended as follows:**

--This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/422,214, filed October 19, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,261,140, which is based on and claims priority to Japanese Patent Application No. 10-296932 filed October 19, 1998[, the entire contents of which is hereby expressly incorporated by reference].--

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